

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Independent claim 19 has been amended so as to overcome the examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The claim has been amended so as to clearly indicate a single counter-electrode.

Claim 20 has been cancelled thereby rendering the examiner's rejection of same under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, moot.

Claim 19 has been amended so as to define over the cited and applied prior art references. It is respectfully submitted that claim 19 as amended patentably defines over either Liu or Kosmahl taken alone or in combination with the Wedding reference.

The examiner's attention is drawn to paragraph [0011] of the instant application. Paragraph [0011] sets forth the object of the present invention. The object is to provide a lighting element with a light-emitting surface based on the principle of luminescence wherein the lighting element has a small total thickness and is easy and inexpensive to manufacture. The foregoing is accomplished by providing a base electrode made of an aluminum or an aluminum alloy and a dielectric layer on the base layer which comprises anodized aluminum alloy of the base electrode. The foregoing is not taught nor rendered obvious by the sum total teaching of the prior art references. The Wedding reference which is cited by the examiner in rejecting previously submitted dependent claim 26 does not disclose or render obvious a base electrode made of aluminum or aluminum alloy material and a dielectric layer on the base layer which comprises an anodized aluminum oxide of the base electrode material. It is the

specific structure which accomplishes the object of the present invention as set forth in paragraph [0011] of the instant specification. The method for producing the dielectric layer is disclosed in paragraphs [0067] through [0070] of the instant application. It is submitted that dependent method claims 34-36 which depend from amended independent claim 19 contain patentable merit in their own right.

None of the references cited or applied by the examiner teach, suggest or render obvious a dielectric layer on a base electrode made of aluminum or aluminum alloy wherein the dielectric layer comprises an anodized aluminum oxide of the base electrode material.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that claim 19 and the claims which depend therefrom patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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